

Naval Operating Base Dutch Harbor & Fort Mears  
Air Operations Administration Building  
Unalaska ~~Island~~, Aleutian Islands Division  
Alaska

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE ALASKA	COUNTY ALEUTIAN ISLANDS DIVISION	TOWN OR VICINITY UNALASKA <del>ISLAND</del>
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Naval Operating Base Dutch Harbor & Fort Mears (NHL)		HABS NO. AK-34 A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Air Operations Administration Building; Building #415		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Unalaska Island		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1943 (Thompson)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) U.S. Navy <sup>U.S. Navy</sup> (Bureau of Yards and Docks: Contracts)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This was built to monitor and direct air traffic, playing an integral role in the operation of the naval air station. See HABS No. AK-34		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) standard military		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Central frame core, wings of loxstave construction. A metal roof obscures the deck of the lookout tower.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See drawing		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE An octagonal lookout tower with a wooden deck and a balustrade with a geometric motif was set on the central core of the T-shaped plan. The wings are of loxstave construction with prefabricated tongue-and-groove plank sections and a patented end connection at each corner.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Two rooms added on the north side of the east wing before 1946; served as a terminal for a commercial airline following the decommission of the naval base until the opening of a new terminal building in 1984.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Deteriorated and unoccupied; 1985 plans call for its retention		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Within Naval Operating Base Dutch Harbor & Fort Mears National Historic Landmark site Defense Environmental Restoration Account, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Historic Landmark; See Bibliography HABS AK-34		
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